

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (canceled).

1 12. (currently amended) A color metallic pigment comprising  
2 metal particles and a single-layer or multilayer coat  
3 covering the surface of each said metal particle, further  
4 comprising a molybdenum-phosphorus coat consisting of an  
5 oxide film elementally containing molybdenum and/or  
6 phosphorus on the surface of each said metal particle,  
7 wherein said single-layer or multilayer coat is disposed on  
8 said molybdenum-phosphorus coat, and at least one layer of  
9 said single-layer or multilayer coat is a cobalt coat  
10 consisting of an anhydrous oxide film elementally  
11 containing cobalt.

1 13. (currently amended) The color metallic pigment according to  
2 claim 12, comprising wherein said single-layer or  
3 multilayer coat further comprises a silicon-aluminum coat  
4 consisting of an oxide film elementally containing silicon  
5 and/or aluminum inside said cobalt coat.

1 14. (currently amended) The color metallic pigment according to  
2 claim 12, comprising wherein said single-layer or  
3 multilayer coat further comprises a second coat consisting  
4 of an oxide film or an oxynitride film containing at least  
5 one element selected from a group consisting of titanium,

6 zirconium, zinc, iron, chromium and cerium outside said  
7 cobalt coat.

1 15. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according  
2 to claim 14, wherein said second coat consists of an oxide  
3 film or an oxynitride film elementally containing titanium.

1 16. (currently amended) The color metallic pigment according to  
2 claim 15, ~~comprising~~ wherein said single-layer or  
3 multilayer coat further comprises a weather-resistant coat  
4 consisting of an oxide film containing at least one element  
5 selected from a group consisting of aluminum, silicon and  
6 cerium outside said second coat.

1 17. (previously presented) A resin composition containing the  
2 color metallic pigment according to claim 12 and resin.

1 18. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according  
2 to claim 12, wherein said cobalt coat materially contains  
3 a compound having at least one composition selected from a  
4 group consisting of  $\text{CoO}$ ,  $\text{Co}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ ,  $n\text{CoO} \cdot m\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , and  
5  $n\text{CoO} \cdot m\text{SiO}_2$ , and said m and said n are positive numbers.

1 19. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according  
2 to claim 12, wherein the quantity of the cobalt element  
3 contained in said cobalt coat is in the range of 0.5 to 50  
4 parts by mass with respect to 100 parts by mass of said  
5 metal particles.

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1 20. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment  
2 according to claim 12, wherein said molybdenum-phosphorus  
3 coat materially contains a compound having at least one  
4 composition selected from a group consisting of  $\text{MoO}_3$ ,  $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  
5  $\text{MoO}$ ,  $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{MoO}_3$ ,  $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{MoO}$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  and  
6  $n\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot m\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ , and said m and said n are positive real  
7 numbers.

1 21. (previously presented) The color metallic pigment according  
2 to claim 12, wherein the elemental quantity of molybdenum  
3 and/or phosphorus contained in said molybdenum-phosphorus  
4 coat is in the range of 0.01 to 5.0 parts by mass with  
5 respect to 100 parts by mass of said metal particles.

1 22. (new) A color metallic pigment comprising coated particles,  
2 wherein a respective one of said coated particles  
3 comprises:

4 a metal particle;

5 an inner coat layer comprising an oxide of at least  
6 one element selected from the group consisting of  
7 molybdenum and phosphorus, disposed directly on a surface  
8 of said metal particle; and

9 a cobalt-containing coat layer comprising an anhydrous  
10 oxide of at least cobalt, disposed directly or indirectly  
11 on said inner coat layer.

1     **23.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,  
2           wherein said cobalt-containing coat layer is disposed  
3           directly on said inner coat layer.

1     **24.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,  
2           wherein said respective coated particle further comprises  
3           an intermediate coat layer disposed between said inner coat  
4           layer and said cobalt-containing coat layer, wherein said  
5           cobalt-containing coat layer is disposed indirectly on said  
6           inner coat layer.

1     **25.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 24,  
2           wherein said intermediate coat layer comprises an oxide of  
3           at least one element selected from the group consisting of  
4           silicon and aluminum.

1     **26.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,  
2           wherein said respective coated particle further comprises  
3           a further coat layer comprising an oxide or an oxynitride,  
4           of at least one element selected from the group consisting  
5           of titanium, zirconium, zinc, iron, chromium and cerium,  
6           disposed outside said cobalt-containing coat layer.

1     **27.** (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 26,  
2           wherein said respective coated particle further comprises  
3           a weather-resistant coat layer comprising an oxide of at  
4           least one element selected from the group consisting of

5 aluminum, silicon and cerium, disposed outside said further  
6 coat layer.

1 28. (new) The color metallic pigment according to claim 22,  
2 wherein said cobalt-containing coat layer contains an  
3 amount of cobalt in a range from 1 to 30 parts by mass with  
4 respect to 100 parts by mass of said metal particle, and  
5 said inner coat layer contains an amount of said molybdenum  
6 and/or said phosphorus in a range from 0.05 to 2.0 parts by  
7 mass with respect to 100 parts by mass of said metal  
8 particle.

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